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SUB plans spring trip

This Spring Break, Student Union Board has organized a trip to South Padre, Texas for any students interested in going. The cost of the trip is \$335.00 and this includes transportation, seven nights accommodation at the Bahia Mar Hotel, seven passes to night clubs and two beach parties.

There are seventeen people going on the trip. They will be leaving from Lafayette on Mar. 4 and returning Mar. 13. The arrangements were made by SUB member Julie Lawton and "Take a Break" student travel agency. She and SUB members have been preparing for the trip since last semester.

Student voices heard

The Student Life Committee has been busy planing a proposal that would give students more representation in the Committee.

The Committee is composed of faculty and student members. Together, they review and vote on proposals, such as visitation hour changes. They look at every aspect of Saint Joseph's College beyond academics and sports.

The policy up for review would change the structure and concept of the Student Life Committee by giving a greater voice to students. Already passed by the Committee, the faculty must review the proposal.

Currently, there is one more voting student than there is faculty, and if the proposal is passed there will be more student representation in the Committee. S.A. Vice President, Kurt Krouse, whom is a member of the Committee, commented, "when the faculty decides that the students should have more of a say in what goes on, that's a big deal."

Parker new V.P.

Dr. Parker takes over Academic Affairs

by Krisie Kimerer

Dr. Bernard Parker was recently hired to fill the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs that was vacated by the current President of Saint Joseph's College, Dr. Albert J. Shannon. Parker was chosen from approximately 120 applicants.

According to Dr. Robert Garrity, Professor of English, the two main factors considered while searching for a candidate were experience in academic administration and familiarity with the Catholic mission of the college.

After Dr. Shannon's move to the President's office, a nationwide search was conducted through the Chronicle of Higher Education. Approximately 50 candidates applied, but none met the search committees' qualifications. During the time in which the office was vacant, Dr. Robert Garrity served as interim Vice President for Academic Affairs. Garrity had previously served as Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1972 to 1984. Another search through the Chronicle of Higher Education was implemented. Seventy applicants sent in their credentials to the search

committee.

The process by which faculty is hired begins with a search committee consisting of faculty, administrators, and two students. After the search committee selects the best candidate, it submits their choice to the president of the college, Dr. Shannon. If Dr. Shannon is pleased with the selection, he submits it to the Board of Trustees who make the final decision.

Dr. Garrity stated that Dr. Parker was extremely well-suited to the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs. Originally from Phoenix, Arizona, Parker has gained a plethora of experience throughout the country.

He earned his masters at the University of Chicago and his doctorate at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Parker served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Saint Leo College in Florida for 13 years. He was hired from that institution by Saint Mary of the Plains in Kansas to serve as its president. Due to a high student loan default rate which had begun before his presidency, the decision was made to close the school. Dr. Parker honored his

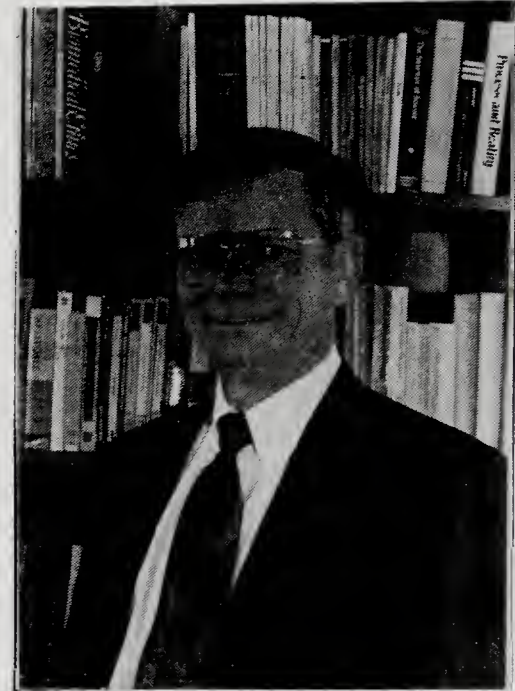


photo by Shari Doud

Dr. Bernard Parker recently joined the SJC community.

He is the new Vice President for Academic Affairs.

contract and stayed on in his position in order to assist the faculty and staff in finding employment as well as aiding the students in transferring to other institutions of higher education.

The break in employment allowed he and his wife, Paulette,

to begin a business. They converted their summer home in northern Georgia into a antique and flower business. The house, built in 1828, is the oldest in northern Georgia and is named the Fisher Farm after the previous owners who had owned it for 150 years.

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NAD provides options for the sober

by Klaudia Janek

"Committed to the Alternative!" is the slogan for the new organization of Non-Alcohol Drinkers (NAD). The purpose of NAD is to provide non-drinkers at Saint Joseph's College alternative activities on weekends, besides drinking. Brett Byers, President of Student Association, has been in charge of forming this new organization along with the help of Dan Doctor from the office of Security and Safety. "NAD is an organization that I have wanted to implement for about a year, I believe now is the time to do so. With ever so growing frustration among non-alcohol drinkers on campus, an

alternative needs to be offered! I believe the alternative is NAD," stated Byers.

At first, NAD intends to provide entertainment after SUB events on weekend nights. These events will probably consist of watching movies, eating pizza, playing cards—all the way to potential trips to Indianapolis and Chicago.

These events will be planned by an Executive Committee, which will consist of six students. Students join NAD with the mission of no alcohol consumption before, during or after NAD sponsored events. Each member must sign to this agreement. NAD is being sponsored

mainly by Student Association, with assistance from the Office of Student Affairs and the Office of Security and Safety.

Many non-drinkers on campus hope that NAD will prove to be a success. Freshman Virginia Evens said, "I think NAD will become a key organization on this campus because there are a lot of students who believe that it doesn't take alcohol to have a good time. The problem is, there aren't a lot of activities on campus that involve sobriety. Hopefully NAD will be able to change that." For more information, contact the Student Association at 866-6000 ext. 5100.



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Letter

Campus efforts applauded... There's still a long way to go

To the Editor,

In the Feb. 10 issue of STUFF, Klaudia Janek wrote an article entitled, "It's Not Enough... Campus needs to do more for the environment." This article created quite a stir among certain staff members (and their wives) and students.

I applaud Klaudia for her article. Perhaps it was not as tactful as it could have been, but sometimes one has to be rude to get attention.

Certain members of the Student Association took offense at Klaudia's article. I see no reason for offense. It is a fact that paper recycling did not become an issue until Brett Byers and I made it one. Brett did come through with his promise to take the paper the Environmental Club had collected to a paper recycling center near his home. Klaudia merely expressed a hope that now that the election is over, the officers do not forget the people they are representing and the issues which they find important. For those Student Association members who did take offense at Klaudia's article and are planning a career as elected officials, criticism (usually much more scathing than this article) of the actions, words and beliefs of those elected is quite common; it would be to your advantage to obtain some grace and tact in answering those criticisms.

Positive things have been happening on this campus in the way of environmental activism. The putting up of environmental awareness signs by the Junior Class was a wonderful effort. Any effort to educate the campus on environmental issues should be appreciated. Perhaps, next

time, the paper used could be made from post-consumer waste and/or be recyclable. I, for one, was very pleased to see that a group of students, besides the Environmental Club, is interested in the cause and actually make something come out of that interest.

Dining Services has been doing a lot (and plans to do much more) for the environment. Rather than using styrofoam cups for coffee, the Hub uses paper cups and sells environmental coffee mugs. This not only reduces waste but also saves money because The Hub offers refills for \$.25 rather than having the customer buy a new cup of coffee each visit. The faculty still uses styrofoam cups for their coffee, however. Dining Services currently recycles bi metal cans and over 30 tons of cardboard boxes each year. They also use plastic bottles (which can be recycled) at games rather than the wax coated cups they used previously. Dining Services is also currently trying to find an alternate container for the sick trays which are now made out of styrofoam. Ken Field told me that students cause a lot of waste in the cafeteria. According to his calculations, Dining Services could save TWO to THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS a school year if students took only 2 to 3 napkins rather than 4 to 6 or more (which are usually thrown away without being used). He also said that Dining Services could afford to make more special dinners if students did not take extra portions and then throw them away.

Sincerely,

Heather Lonborg
Environmental Club President

Letter

Awareness is increasing... Everyone's help is needed

To the Editor:

After reading the article in the last issue of STUFF, I was extremely upset with what one of the articles had said. The article, "It's Not Enough... Campus Needs To Do More For The Environment," was obviously not fully researched, it was merely the opinion of one reporter. If that reporter would have come and questioned me she would have found out that I have pages and pages of phone numbers I called over the summer and last semester about getting some sort of paper recycling on this campus.

In almost every case the people I talked to said they would take all of our paper if we brought it to them. The only problem with that is we do not have any form of transportation to get the paper there. "If you can supply a truck we've got a deal," they said. Also, if she were to open

her eyes she would see that in almost every office and in the science building there are boxes marked for "Paper Only." We are trying to get something done but one person can not do it alone.

I do not understand either why so many people refuse to walk an extra 20 feet to a recycling bin to put their aluminum cans and the foil the snack bar wraps its food in. I have personally hung signs on my floor by each garbage can to remind people to recycle, but I do not think it is enough. We ALL have to work together to make a change. We can't just preach it, we all have to practice it!

The Junior Class may be at fault for not using recycled paper for their signs, but how else were we to get the point across? Everyone is always complaining that we do not care about the earth, but when someone does something to promote conscious-

ness they get slammed for trying to do something good. I do not believe that no one paid any attention to them, because I have gotten E-mail and have had people personally tell me that the signs did make them aware of some things they had never thought about before.

If I would have known the statistics about the complexities of recycling colored paper I would have never used it. Now I know, but where does it ALL stop?

When do we stop complaining and expecting everyone else to do something? When are WE going to get up from in front of the TV and start working towards a cleaner and safer earth. We all live here so let's share the responsibilities and help the Earth out!

Peace,

Heather Rhodes
Junior Class President

Letter

Grade changes not common

To the Editor:

As Registrar of Saint Joseph's, I would like to respond to the editorial written by Jeff Coan in the Feb. 10 issue of STUFF. First let me state that Mr. Coan had every right to express his anger over the number of grade changes that impacted students' lives last semester based on the anecdotal evidence that was relayed to him. Fortunately, the problem was not as wide spread as he was led to believe.

For the first semester of the 1993-94 academic year there were 39 grade corrections submitted out of approximately 6,000 grades assigned. The occurrence of grade changes represents 0.6% of the total number of grades assigned for the semester. Six to fifteen grade corrections are normally received for any particular semester.

No student was dismissed from the college in error. Any grade corrections that were received for previously dismissed students, did not raise the students' GPA enough to warrant a reversal of the dismissal decision. Some of these students appealed their dismissals, and may have won their appeals based on the slightly improved GPA, and were readmitted to the College. No original dismissal decisions were reversed based on grade changes. No letter was sent from the Academic Dean's office or President's stating a student was "by far, qualified to return". Only letters which said a student's appeal had or had not been granted were sent.

No official transcript was sent out from the Registrar's office with incorrect grade information on it for term 931. It is this office's policy, that if a grade correction is received after a student has had his transcript sent out, we automatically re-mail the corrected transcript. There were no such transcript requests that had to be corrected in this manner for term 931.

Cancellation of financial aid is based on probation status and standards of academic progress, not dismissals. Any student who has been on probation for two consecutive semesters who does not meet the academic progress standards the Financial Aid office must follow, may have financial aid cancelled. In term 931, no student removed probation as a result of a corrected grade, and thus no student lost financial aid because of an inaccurate grade.

Another item which could impact a student's dismissal, probation, or financial aid is the effect that repeated courses have on a student's GPA. I would like to take this opportunity to remind students to fill out repeat forms whenever they are retaking a course. Repeating a course may significantly impact your GPA in a positive manner, once the old grade is removed from your record. Repeat forms can be found in the back of each schedule booklet and are available in the Registrar's office.

Please feel free to contact me anytime concerning questions dealing with your academic records.

Carol A. Burns
Registrar



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Habitat helps those in need

by Jacquelyn M. Leonard

Saint Joseph's College students have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others in the Rensselaer community as well as the lives of people around the country.

Habitat for Humanity was established at SJC in 1989. Habitat for Humanity is a Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing from the world and make decent shelter a matter of consciousness and action. By having needy and affluent people work together in equal partnership, Habitat builds new homes as well as new housing, according to Chris Zanowski, director of the program at Saint Joseph's College.

The purpose of the Campus Chapter is to capture the imagination, energy, and hope of students in order to productively and responsibly involve them in the work of Habitat for Humanity.

Campus Chapters perform three main functions: educating the campus and the local community about affordable housing issues and the work of Habitat for Humanity; building or rehabilitating houses in partnership with local Habitat affilia-

ates and homeowners; and raising funds for local and overseas Habitat projects.

Participation in Campus Chapters enables the students to put their love in action, to build partnerships with people sharing a common goal, to gain greater awareness of the need for decent and affordable housing, and to deepen their commitment to social action.

Through volunteer labor, management expertise and tax deductible donations of money and materials, Habitat for Humanity builds and rehabilitates homes with the help of the homeowners. Houses are sold at no profit to the partner families and no interest mortgages are issued over a fixed period.

The cost of the homes differ based on location, labor, land and materials. Currently, a Habitat house in the United States costs homeowners approximately \$35,000.

There is also a Habitat for Humanity chapter in Jasper County. This affiliate program would allow students to work with members of the local community in the building of homes. This interaction would increase positive relationships among the residents of Jasper County and the mem-

bers of the Saint Joseph's College community.

Since local fundraising began in July, the Jasper County chapter has raised approximately \$23,000 from over 200 different sources. Before local building begins on a house, however, the chapter members have an established goal of \$35,000.

Families apply to the local Habitat for Humanity chapter. A family selection committee chooses homeowners based on their level of need, their willingness to become partners in the program and their ability to repay the loan. Every project follows a non-discriminatory policy of family selection.

Habitat for Humanity is not a "giveaway" program. It is a joint venture in which those who benefit from the housing ministry are involved at various levels. Each homeowner family is required to invest "sweat equity" hours in the construction of homes. This reduces the cost of the house, increases pride among the family and fosters development of positive relations with others.

Saint Joseph's College awarded a service grant to an incoming student this year for the express purpose of the student's work with Habitat.

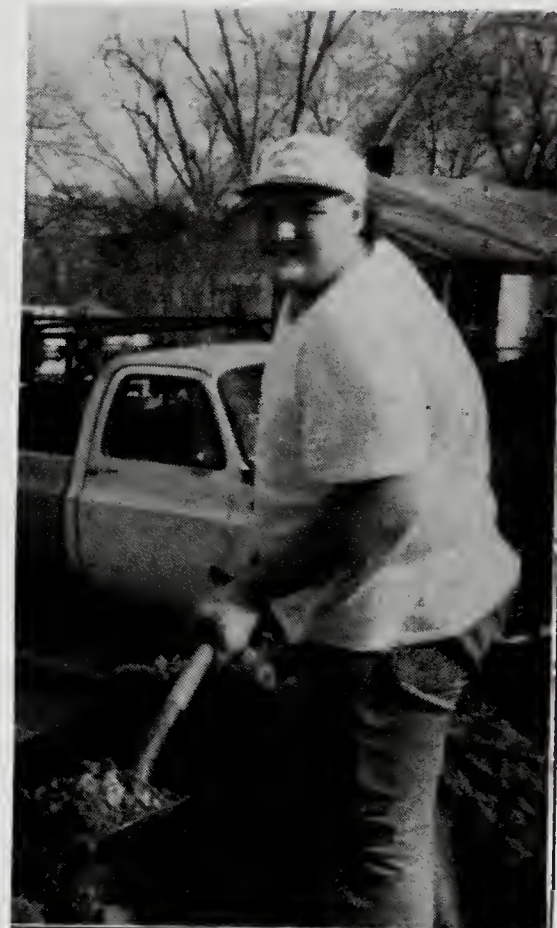


photo provided by Chris Zanowski

Clayton Temple works hard on a previous Habitat for Humanity trip. Over Spring Break, student volunteers will continue to assist people in Belle Haven, Virginia.

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photo by Kurt Krouse

Students from around the region gathered at SJC for the annual Science Olympiad last weekend. This participant in last year's Olympiad focuses intently on his experiment.

SJC welcomes Dr. Parker

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In addition to Dr. Parker's extensive experience, he is also an ACE fellow. The American Council on Education selects thirty people a year to participate in their program. The ACE fellows take one year and serve as interns to a college president in order to learn all aspects of administering a college. This honor is shared with Dr. Parker by Saint Joseph's College president, Dr. Albert Shannon.

Dr. Parker states that his initial impressions of Saint Joseph's College are very positive. Dr. Parker's reasons for his decision to come to Saint

Joseph's were "the strong academic program, especially Core, the impressive caliber of the students, and Skip Shannon, who I think will put a torch under Saint Joseph's College." Dr. Parker's goal for the next year is to re-examine the majors offered to see if the students needs are being served.

The Vice President of Academic Affairs is responsible for many areas which include: admissions, financial aid, registrar, faculty, and the library. Dr. Parker will also be responsible for all hiring, promoting, and classes offered. Dr. Parker says, "Academic Affairs is the key to the institution."



Spring break tragedy teaches study strategies

This story is a nightmare spring break. It was sent by an unknown source. It was sent as a letter to Jim Sacco. But what this person has to say is a vital reminder to us all.

Are you looking forward to going to Florida or some other pit of sin? Do not get to excited until you are dry heaving on the sand. As a youngster, I looked forward to spring break until my worst nightmare came true. A spring break from Hell.

I was looking forward to spring break for weeks. I had my ticket to go to Daytona. All I had to do was get through the next two weeks hassle free. All I could think about was the sun, the beach, the ocean, naked women and beer.

I was so looking forward to my trip that I forgot to study for my mid-terms. Suddenly, I sat face to face with Doctor X. It was my oral mid-term, just me and the good Doctor, "mono ye mono."

The first question was, Who said 'We blew it'? What did the phrase refer to? Why is it important? Oh, and please only give a one or two word answer."

"AH AH, it was Butthead and he was talking about ah... ah... ah... winning on Jeopardy."

"I do not believe that answer is right," he said with a scowl. His eyes shot through me. "Okay, let us try this question. What is the meaning to Bob Dylan song 'Queen Jane Approximately'?"

"I don't know. Do ya think I am some kinda hippy freak?"

"No," he said with fire shooting out of his eyes. "Tell me anything you know about the reading."

"I know the book cover was green."

"Sorry, that is wrong; it was red."

"Oh. Oops."

"I am not going to flunk you on your mid-term exam. I will give you a second chance. You have one week to write a history of Cleveland, Ohio. You must also write your own tourist guide book based on your first hand experience."

"What!?" I asked with a scream of horror. I have to go to Cleveland? What about

Daytona? What about beer and women?

"I suggest you cash in your plane ticket. If you want beer and women, sit through an Indians game.... they don't sell out often."

I left Dwenger in a daze. My dreams of sun and fun had been replaced by nightmares of crime, filth, and agony. I was so dazed and confused, that I tripped on one of the steps and rolled from second Dwenger all the way down to the basement. I know it seems impossible, but when you are having a bad day.... any thing can happen. I broke my leg in three places and fractured my wrist. Battered and beaten, I set off for Cleveland.

I tried to cash in my ticket at the airport. But when I told the lady I wanted to get a flight to Cleveland, she laughed and hung up. I guess planes don't fly to Cleveland any more.

I was forced to travel by bus. I got stuck in the back seat. You know the one with three little chairs next to the bathroom. I was sandwiched between a very large carpet salesman (who took all his samples on the bus) and a Hell's Angels biker who was very angry because his bike got totalled by a college kid in a BMW. I might add the biker was in dire need of a shower!

To make matters worse, he told me if I moved an inch he would break my other leg just because I was a college student and he hated college students. If the horror of being crippled wasn't bad enough the carpet salesman got car sick. He had to climb over me every time he felt ill to get to the bathroom.

By the time I got to Cleveland, I was exhausted. I just wanted to sleep so I curled up on a train station bench. When I awoke, I was in jail. The cops thought I was a wanted rapist. Oh, the horror of a Cleveland jail.

I returned to SJC a broken and battered human being. My paper was not written, my leg hurt, and dozens of inmates were hoping that I would write to them. I guess all was not lost, I did make new friends. Although my pride was damaged, my spring break sucked, and simply because I did not study for my mid-terms.

Take my lesson to heart. Study! Especially you, Sacco, and those of you who have Dr. X. Make sure you study hard then, you can have a GREAT SPRING BREAK!!!!

Student enthusiasm makes a difference

by: Billy Dawn Schurtter

The newly named Richard Scharf field house was loaded with enthusiasm both Thursday and Saturday evenings. Thursday night was "Class Wars" and Saturday night was "Dorm Wars." This was an event that took place in the "Puma Pound" to rally up some school spirit to cheer our basketball guys and girls to victory.

The purpose of this good idea was to encourage school spirit and it worked. The enthusiasm seemed to create an electricity clear around the gym as it also seemed to spark up the regular crowd of loyal basketball fans. "It was great to see the Saint Joseph's students get so excited about supporting their teams. It adds so much to the event," said one regular spectator of Saint Joseph's games.

Stacie Shepard, a Lady Puma, said "It always helps and encourages us to do our best when the crowd is in the game. This support from our school is suppose to be one of the advantages of playing on the home court."

When one thinks of a good idea and then works on that idea with others, it creates enthusiasm. Everyone likes to get excited for a mutual cause so when what may have started out as a job you had to complete, suddenly becomes a fun thing to do. The students started with Class Wars and then they had the Dorm Wars. They were projects, challenges, goals to achieve more school spirit and encourage people to attend the games. The contests between the students ended up accomplishing two goals as it also helped the players stay tough against some rough competition.

Enthusiasm is contagious. It just sort of spreads from one person to another. All those around you catch it, like the measles, mumps or a common cold. The nice part about enthusiasm is it is something you WANT to catch. And "catch" is the key word. Enthusiasm must be "caught" and cannot be taught.

The ball players were grateful for the crowd's support. Josh Gilbert said, "It was a great game! It really does make a difference in the intensity of the game when you have that kind of school support. It feels great having the students rooting for us, it makes everyone give everything they can!"

Everyone needs support. Just knowing people care by hearing their encouraging words. "Hey, I heard you played a great game the other night!" is not enough. Actions speak louder than words and there was plenty of action Saturday night. Students from Halas, Justin, Bennet and Siefert seemed to be the dorms who hung in the friendly competition the longest. Starting out, though, all the dorms were cheering the Pumas to victory.

Congratulations are in order for the Bennett dorm who won the contest for the most school spirit. The Saint Joseph's Pumas appreciate your support!

Attitude

by Charles Swindoll

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our ATTITUDES."

Shimada chosen to assist at Purdue

by Virginia Evans

Hiroko Shimada, SJC senior international student, has been chosen for a graduate scholarship at Purdue University. She will be a lab assistant in the immunobiochemistry department.

Shimada said, "I sometimes hear people complaining about foreign lab assistants and their English. Now, I'm going to be one of them."

"I started to make preparations for the application very early because I definitely needed some financial aid to further my education. While I was back home during summer vacation, I

stopped by Hokkaido University, and got a letter of recommendation from my main professor. As soon as I came back on campus last August, I went down to Purdue to see the departments and to get some info about international students. There were lots of international students, and they speak in broken English like me," says Shimada.

She states, "I was chosen out of 200 applicants. I was very lucky."

"I am not quite sure what I'm interested in the most. I thought I was interested in immuno-biochemistry. Though

I am still interested in it, the other day I visited Purdue and I got interested in neuroscience. I'll see what I am going to study in a year, after one year course studies," stated Shimada.

"I am not sure if I am going to go back to Japan or stay in the U.S.A. after I finish my education," stated Shimada.

Shimada states, "I never dreamt that I would study in the U.S.A. I thought studying abroad was something that only rich people do, but I got a chance so I took it. I am very glad that I am at Saint Joseph's and very grateful to Saint Joseph's and to the people on this campus."



Snowy spring break recalled

by Billy Dawn Schurttner

"We went to Florida to help people that had their homes destroyed by Hurricane Andrew and then we ended up needing help ourselves!" said Chris Zanowski, SJC Habitat for Humanity sponsor and co-director of Campus Life.

For many students, spring break 1993 was full of many surprises. Habitat for Humanity is a non-for-profit organization that provides adequate housing for low income families. The designated spot for this particular trip was Dade County in Florida, which was severely damaged by Hurricane Andrew in August 1992.

The students helped residents clear out thirty years of trash and debris in approximately three hours. The students worked hard and everyone was proud of their accomplishments.

On the last day of the students' stay in Florida, a tornado ripped through the state causing even more damage and destruction. The students had to put boards up to prepare for the tornado but fortunately, no one was hurt.

Natalie Schweitzer, in an interview from last year, said, "To watch everything that people have built be destroyed not once, but twice, was not something any of us could comprehend."

Michael Maniscalco said, "In a mere week, we saw so many extremes. In the morning, we would travel in a rickety old bus to a 'demolished' home and help clean up the wreckage. At the end of the day, we could leave behind the destruction and enjoy the beautiful beach scenery of Mi-

ami. It was such a radical contrast!"

Dave Lieb said, "Television and photographs do not do justice to the amount of destruction that was there. The work (roofing houses, planting trees, clearing private yards) was physically demanding, yet rewarding."

At the end of the week, the students were told that they might want to leave the next morning as there was yet another storm approaching. This time, however, instead of a hurricane, the storm was to be a blizzard.

The group from Saint Joseph's College got as far as Gainesville, Florida where they had to stop because of closed interstates. The group was lucky to find hotel rooms. Lucky because just moments before, the hotel had the electricity turned back on.

Zanowski said that every grocery store was running out of food and water. People were panicking because they were not used to the winter conditions. Zanowski told the students that he had good news and bad news for the students. "The good news is that the student's postcards would arrive to their homes before they did and the bad news was that they were unable to go any further," Zanowski recalled.

Fortunately, a member of the group had a friend in the area. Junior Ed Balas called his friend and the Saint Joseph's College Habitat for Humanity group stayed at his house.

After leaving the town of Alpharetta, the group travelled approximately thirty miles in five hours. Traffic was bad and there were abandoned automobiles alongside the road.

The states hit by the blizzard

were unable to cope with the situation because they were not used to weather conditions this bad.

Lieb said, "It wasn't that the roads had much snow on them, it was the fact that Atlanta just didn't have any equipment to remove it with."

Saint Joseph's Habitat for Humanity was not the only College group affected by the storm. The baseball players also experienced difficulty travelling.

The baseball team had planned to fly to Florida but ended up taking a bus instead. Bob Bowser said, "The worse thing was there was no food! Not even a Burger King!"

Kim Woppel said, "It was a blast! We got stuck, too, but it was fun. One time we got out of the bus and started making snow men and throwing snow balls with some truckers were also stuck."

One student from the Habitat trip recalled, "I feel that the storm brought out a great deal of goodness in people. Staying over at a stranger's home was a pleasant change from the types of stories that we see on the evening news. There were many people who were willing to help us, even on such short notice."

Zanowski said, "The students were very helpful and very patient. I was extremely proud of everyone and it was a great experience for all who went."

Habitat for Humanity will be going to Belle Haven, Virginia for Spring Break 1994. Questions and interests should be directed to Chris Zanowski in the Campus Life office.

Scenes from Habitat for Humanity

October Break 1992





Lady Pumas rebound after loss

by Brian DiPaolo

The Women's Basketball team is coming off two exciting and two totally different home games. Last Thursday's game against the University of Indianapolis was one of the Lady Pumas less than perfect games; the 54-83 loss was attributed to the lack of unity among the team.

In a sharp contrast, Saturday's game against Northern Kentucky saw the Lady Pumas play more like a team and beat Northern Kentucky 72-67.

Sophomore forward Kathy Peters commented, "On Thursday, we weren't playing as a team against the University of Indianapolis. We were definitely having troubles; we were playing like individuals and not like team members." Junior Diane Poulson agreed, "No one really played well at all. It seemed that we were all sluggish when we got out on the court to play."

Even though the Lady Pumas faced a disappointing loss

against the University of Indianapolis, the team regrouped and came back to win against Northern Kentucky last Saturday. The Lady Pumas, eager to get a win after their earlier loss, played a different type of basketball against Northern Kentucky.

Junior Lori Hissong stated, "We had beaten Northern Kentucky in three overtimes before; so, we knew that they would be tough. After the loss on Thursday, we knew that we needed to make some changes and start working together." Poulson added, "On Saturday, we played more as a team; we had some type of unity that was missing against U of I. When the outside shots were available, we took the outside shots. When the inside shots were there, we took the inside shots."

The Lady Pumas hopes for a tournament bid is still possible. Last weekend saw some upsets throughout the conference. Poulson stated, "There were a lot of upsets this past weekend. It

seems that most teams plays up and down, up and down. There are very few teams that are really consistent. There are many teams which are in contention for the tournament."

These past two games have showed the team's strengths and weaknesses. Hissong noted, "We have been running our defense better than before; it seems that we've been working together as a team." A major weakness is the team's inability to rebound on a consistent basis. As pointed out by Peters, "We need to make sure that we rebound the ball if we expect to win games."

The Lady Pumas begin to wrap up their regular season, on Saturday Feb. 26, they play their last regular home game against Lewis University at 5:30. Hissong wrapped it all up by stating, "We learned our lesson on Thursday against the University of Indianapolis; if we don't show up to play both mentally and physically, they'll definitely be ready to beat us."



Photo by HOBY PETERS

ON THE DRIVE, sophomore Kathy Peters takes the ball to the hoop in a recent game against Bellarmine College. The Lady Pumas stand at 9-6 in the GLVC and 15-9 overall.

Young tennis team eager and ready for the 1994 season

by Brian DiPaolo

"This is probably one of the most solid teams that I've had in a few years," remarked Men's Tennis Coach John Barrientos about this year's team. Barrientos is eager to improve his team's record from last year's 4-8 season. "Last year we worked hard, and the competition was tough, but this year I think that we've got a chance to win more games."

With the amount of practice time that the team has had the past few weeks, Barrientos has been able to assess the progress the team has made over last year. "The attitude of this team is tremendous. I noticed that at the end of last season, the team started to pick up some momentum with their game, but because the season is so short, not much came of it. So far this year,

the team has had that same spirit and attitude that helped them at the end of last season."

It's hard for Barrientos to judge exactly where each player will fit into the line-up; however, he is sure that no matter where he puts the players, they will do well. "We have a rather young team and they are all good players." Thus far, the team's top players are sophomores Bill Patterson and Steve Errington, senior Kevin Helmle, senior Doug Vis, freshmen Darren Haas and Jude Clove. Barrientos remarked that some "challenge" games still could be played and the line-up could slightly change.

When asked about his goal for the season, senior Doug Vis remarked that, "I want to finish among the top three teams in the conference. As a team, our number

one goal will be to have a record above .500." Barrientos echoed those feelings and added, "We need to play to our potential as a team. We need to focus on our game and try to cut down on the mistakes and then correct those mistakes."

Barrientos is looking for a tough season ahead of the team. "Indianapolis is one of the top teams in the country. The University of Southern Indiana and Northern Kentucky are going to be tough to beat. Because this team is so young, I think that the experience they learn from these games will help them in the next years."

The Pumas start the season on Wednesday March 16 with a game against Anderson College played here at 3:00.

Myszak gets hammered: Added ruling allows Ski to savour victory in new found field sport

I CHALLENGE SKI
by Mark Ciesielski

I've never really gotten into the sport of Track and Field, probably because I don't particularly like to run. Running is not bad, really; it's just tiring I guess. Little did I know, however, that there is a whole other world to Track and Field that involves no running.

Senior Steve Myszak introduced me to the world of field events, more specifically, the hammer throw. The only running that is involved is chasing after the hammer once you're thrown it. That, for sure, wasn't going to be a problem for me, so I accepted the challenge wholeheartedly.

Because of the weather, the contest would take place in the rec center. This

meant that a 35 pound hammer would be used instead of the normal 16 pounder used outside. 35 pounds may not seem like much, but believe me, it is.

Steve walked in with a handful of equipment, including a tape measure, track shoes, gloves, and tape. First of all, I didn't know you needed this much stuff just to pick up a hammer and throw it.

Steve began his warm-ups and gave me a quick lesson on proper form. Truthfully, I didn't realize there was a right way to do this. I mean, pick the thing up, whirl around and throw the thing. Right? Wrong.

He showed me the right way to step, plant, pivot and throw and even the grunts you're supposed to make to sound good. He did all of this, of course, after he complained that he was sore from moun-

tain climbing all day. He was the pro, and he was making excuses!

Steve went first and threw about six hammers. He landed anywhere from 33 feet six inches, to his best of 34 feet eight inches. That's a long way to throw a heavy object and I knew I was done for.

After my first throw of about 18 feet, Steve gave me the benefit of the doubt and put in the rule that the roll the hammer took after my throw would also count in the measuring. Now we were even.

My second throw landed about 25 feet, but more importantly, I was getting the hang of this game. On my fifth throw, I hurled, grunted and landed a 35 foot six inch throw (I won't say that the hammer took at least a 3 foot roll!) Good enough for the victory, at least in my book!

My form on all the throws, however, was less than desirable. I should have been docked points for how bad my form was! Steve was nice enough not to alter my score though.

I did shock myself and Steve on another throw, landing close to 33 feet without a roll. But credit must be given to Steve. To go through that agony everyday in practice and still be able to use your hands is a miracle to me.

Just as quickly as I was introduced to this sport, I have hung up my shoes in retirement. That sort of pain is not for me. I do, however, have a new found respect for the sport of Track and Field. Steve opened my eyes to how hard something can be when it looks so easy. Good luck to Steve Myszak and all the track and field members in their 1994 season.



Pumas ready for Lewis

Consistent guard play and inside power make Pumas a team to be reckoned with

by Audra Bailey

This past week has proven to be a true test of Puma determination and will to make the NCAA Tournament. By defeating two GLVC rivals, the Pumas are a couple steps closer to a showing in the tournament. On Thursday night, the Pumas rallied past Indianapolis, 82-68. In an almost instant replay, SJC did the same thing against Northern Kentucky, 83-74, on Saturday night in the Richard Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse. SJC is now in third place in the GLVC conference with a record of 10-5, 17-7 overall.

"I was really happy for the guys. It was an obvious team effort. I think that winning these games is a springboard for what lies ahead," commented head coach Bill Bland. If so, the Pumas will be nothing less than promising and impressive at the same time.

"We are starting to get consistent play out of the guards, which makes for a more solid team," said Bland. Bland also commented on the inside game. "We've also had some aggressive

inside play under the basket. If we keep the mind set of a solid team and give that same amount of effort, we can play a good game of ball."

"Offensively, we have good ball movement. We were able to dictate the tempo against the NKU zone. That was the clincher; we didn't get frustrated," Bland said. However, junior Harry Perry added that more team confidence has made all the difference. "The team has more confidence. We can have ball movement inside or outside the three point line. We can have aggressive rebounding. We can handle the pressure on the ball," said Perry.

"Coach Bland told us to be loose, but to stay focused. He wants us to have a good time out there on the floor. He also told us that defense wins the game," commented Perry on Bland's advice to his men. The Pumas are top leaders in the defensive conference standings in both scoring defense and field goal percentage defense.

Bland commented on Saturday night's crowd. "It was fun to see the student body so excited

with school spirit. It is greatly appreciated by the guys and myself. It was awesome to have the home crowd for the two biggest games. We'd love to see them out there this Saturday night with that same intensity," Bland said.

Saturday night is Senior Night for the Pumas. "It will be the last time Trent Smith, Josh Hauser, Bob Sheridan, Mark Brown, and Josh Gilbert will play on their court. It will be an emotional night," said the coach. Bland made a point to include senior Donnie Riggins in the spotlight. "Donnie has been a spiritual leader. He has been unbelievable in molding the team's mind set for each practice and every game," added Bland.

Saint Joe will play host to Lewis on Saturday night for a much needed win. "It was a battle last time against Lewis. However, they're not as deep as us. The game plan is to wear them down both offensively and defensively. They will need to earn everything, just as we intend to do," commented Bland on the preview.



Photo by Holly Pickens

SLAPPED FROM BEHIND, senior Mark Brown goes up for a shot only to be met by a Kentucky Wesleyan opponent. The Pumas won the game and improved their record to 10-5 in the GLVC and 17-7 overall. The Pumas play Lewis on Saturday at home.

Track teams off to good start in indoor meets

By Audra Bailey

As the snow melts away, revealed is the cinder track at Saint Joseph's College. It's that time of year when one can find a few dedicated and hard working people running around that cinder track. It's track season and the men's and women's track teams are off to quite a start.

The teams have been conditioning and anticipating the season since Thanksgiving. Actually, the men and women have already officially started their competitive season with indoor meets. According to head coach Bill Massoels, the indoor meets are "previews" to the "real" season. "The indoor meets serve two purposes. For freshman, they are 'wake-up' calls. The kids are young and nervous

having never before competed in meets where everybody is good. For returning members, the indoor meets serve as indicators

as to where they are physically and what they need to work on," said Massoels.



The indoor meets are more for fun and to get used to racing again. There is not much scoring at these meets. We have

done really well at the four meets we've had so far. With every meet, we've seen improvement for the most part. That's encouraging. However, we are an outdoor season team," claimed the coach.

The track season is actually divided into two seasons: indoor and outdoor. While the indoor

meets are still seen as "conditioners", the outdoor meets are seen as "qualifiers". As Coach Massoels said, "With the outdoor meets, we try to qualify as many kids as possible. We have specific goals with the intensity set up a notch or two." The season is divided into indoor and outdoor for the simple reason that it is just not possible to peak for two seasons. "As a team, we need to work a foundation. In order to do that, the athletes need a break! I don't want to push too much. It is both physically and mentally impossible to concentrate on both seasons. Winning and losing isn't the whole story," stated Massoels. In that respect, Coach Massoels and his teams have decided to work all the more for the outdoor season to save up for the "real" thing. "To me, track is an outside sport anyway. That is how I base my recruiting. I look for outside strength," reported Massoels.

"We work very hard. My

athletes give 100% every day, that's all I need to say as a coach," said Massoels as he attempted to assess the team. It can also be said that Massoels gives his team that same effort. When commenting on his loud encouraging yells, he said, "The kids hear me every step. Not one person is doing the workout by himself, there's always two people involved. We push for the best."

The "best" is exactly what the men's and women's track teams have been doing. At the Wisconsin and Milwaukee Invite, Laura Witek finished first in the 5,000 m in 18:19 minutes as a Provisional qualifier.

Tracy Matuga took first place in the mile with a time of 5:37. Shalonda Crosby received a second place in the long jump with 16 feet 5 inches. In men's track, Jason Garing finished second in the 55 m high hurdles in 7.93 seconds. Marco Maggiori took third place in the 55 m dash in 6.65 seconds. Chris

Fitzgerald was in fifth place in the 3,000 m with a time of 9:51. This was a good meet for both the men and women. "Laura's provisional mark was outstanding because the track was slow and after 1,000 meters, she race by herself," said Coach Massoels.

The SJC men's track team has a record of 7-2-0, while the women's record is 4-1-0. Senior Chris York believes that attitude has everything to do with such success. "This season we have teamwork. No one thinks he/she is better than anyone else. We can be commended for team support. There is an obvious team framework for success, a winning feeling," said York.

With such a "family type atmosphere," as Coach Massoels and York have agreed on, it would be hard not to have a successful season. The sign in Coach Massoels' office reads, "The big meet of next week, month, or year...is being won or lost right now."



Spring break alternatives for homeward bound Pumas that will rock your break!

by Greg Potts

For those of you who are short of the necessary "fundage" to sojourn off to Fort Lauderdale or Daytona beach or those of you who will be stuck here in Puma-ville, "The Back Page" staff has come up with some low budget alternatives for you.

10. Trace your genealogy. Oh, what fun.

9. Do some Core reading. This will not only help you kill the hours at home, but you can get caught up or even be ahead in your classes when you get back. Doing Core reading will come in handy, when one of your parents asks you to take out the trash. You can say, "No. Sorry I just don't have time. I'm reading for Core. You do.... want me to get my grades up.... right?"

8. Get caught up on *Beverly Hills 90210* and *Melrose Place*. Can you believe Brandon is shacking up with his professor? Do you think that could ever happen here?

7. Challenge Dr. White, Professor Simmons, or any of the other faculty members who play basketball at noon, to a pick up

game. It is a great way to beat on the person who ruined your G.P.A. And best of all, it is perfectly legal.

6. Ask any member of the Business Senior Seminar how to properly use the salad fork. After all, it is important to know how to eat. It will only cost you \$333 dollars a credit hour to learn how to use a fork. (This will be money well spent....).

5. Call the Northwest Indiana Health Inspector and have him or her take a look at the Cafe's mystery meat.

It has been rumored that the food is grade D (that's "D" as in Dog food). NOTE: This information is strictly Puma rumor (so don't have a "cow" Ken).

4. TRY SOBRIETY. It is important to get in touch with reality (and your liver could use the break).

3. If you do not try number 4.... find a liver donor you are going to need one.

2. Watch hour after hour of Rush Limbaugh and write down the number of times he makes a bigoted, sexist, or fascist-like comment.

WARNING: "The Back Page" is not responsible for complications resulting from writer's cramp.

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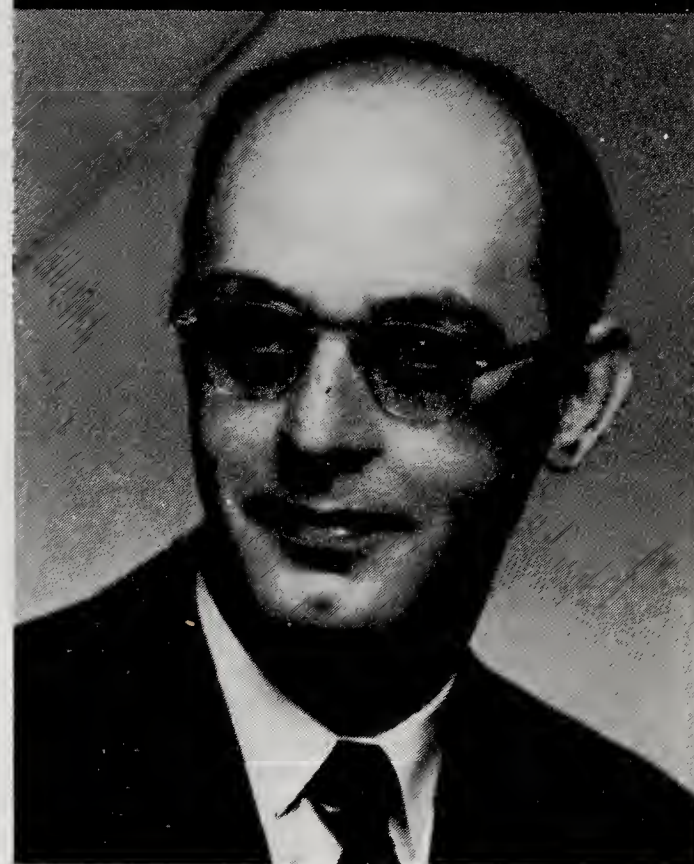
"The Back Page" hopes that you have a great break. As for us at "The Back Page," we will be working hard to bring you even more captivating news stories.

Candace will be travelling around the South, looking into her American heritage. Some stops will be: Graceland, numerous gas stations on the Kentucky-West Virginia border, looking for souvenirs (velvet Elvis, big belt buckles, and "No Lot Lizard" t-shirts).

Greg will be following the Save the Naugahs campaign. This campaign hopes to stop the use of Naugah-hide.

Did you know an unknown number of naughas are killed every year for their hides. We at STUFF are always concerned with the environment and animal rights, and we are not afraid to say so.

Faculty Flashback Photo



This faculty member is part of the Geology Department and helped to find the Mastadon bone in Jasper County. Last issue's faculty member was Fr. William Kramer C.P.P.S.

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